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ROME PLEASE PASS TO AMB KOMER UPON HIS ARRIVAL

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR ON LTDP FOLLOW-
THROUGH

REF: USNATO 7156 (DTG: 251714Z JUL 78)

. 1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF
A LETTER DATED 4 SEPTEMBER 1978 FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR
TINE TO SYG LUNS CONCERNING LUNS' PO/78/81 ON LTDP
FOLLOW-THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (REFTEL).
WE WILL COMMENT BY SEPTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF TINE LETTER:

. IN YOUR PO/78/81 YOU INFORMED THE PERMANENT
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REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING CERTAIN ORGANI-
ZATIONAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THE
LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM ADOPTED 31 MAY 1978 BY INTER-
ESTED HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS
ON THE PROPOSAL YOU PRESENT FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE

INTERNATIONAL STAFF:

. A) FRANCE NOTES WITH INTEREST THAT THE EXECUTION OF THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM WILL NOT ENTAIL CREATION OF NEW MACHINERY OR TOTALLY NEW STRUCTURES.

. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE WHICH PO/78/81 ATTACHES TO COORDINATION IN THE LOGISTICS AREA, FRANCE NOTES AGAIN THAT IT COULD NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH ANY MEASURES CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLE ACCORDING TO WHICH LOGISTICS IS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

. THE DOCUMENT ALSO SPECIFIES CERTAIN TASKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. FRANCE, ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN COOPERATION AND TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN ITS FORCES AND THOSE OF ITS ALLIES, WILL WATCH DURING FOLLOW-THROUGH ON LTDP MEASURES, THAT THERE BE NO PREJUDICE TO EXISTING STRUCTURES AND THEIR CURRENT PREROGATIVES AS WELL AS TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.

. B) WITHIN THIS GENERAL FRAMEWORK, AT THE PRESENT TIME FRANCE NOTES THAT:

. IT WELCOMES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE SECTION WITHIN THE DEFENSE SUPPORT DIVISION, BUT DESIRES THAT RELATIONS BE SPELLED OUT BETWEEN THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECTION AND EXISTING COMPETENT COMMITTEES SUCH AS NJCEC AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF CNAD.

. - FRANCE FURTHER WISHES NO MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATO PRODUCTION AND LOGISTICS ORGANIZATIONS (NPLO) AND CNAD.

. FINALLY, FRANCE CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL THE PROPOSAL APPEARING IN PARAGRAPH III OF PO/78/81 RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM MONITORS; INDEED, THE PROPOSED MEASURES SEEM TO FALL WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

. WITH THESE RESERVATIONS, FRANCE IS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

. YOUR REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS ALSO HAVE A BUDGETARY ASPECT. FRANCE CONSIDERS THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM FOLLOW-THROUGH IMPLEMENTED

BY THE MEMBERS OF THE INTEGRATED MILITARY ORGANIZATION,
THAT IS TO SAY, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, EXPENSES RELATED
TO THE NEW POSTS WHOSE ESTABLISHMENT IS PROPOSED.

. FRANCE DOES NOT INTEND TO CALL INTO QUESTION ITS
PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE'S CIVIL BUDGET, BUT IT
CONSIDERS THAT IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO ALLOW TO BE
IMPUTED TO THIS BUDGET NEW ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD
NORMALLY BE TAKEN IN HAND BY THE MILITARY ELEMENTS OF
THE ORGANIZATION. IF, FOR REASONS OF LOGIC OR CONVENIENCE,
IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT CERTAIN FOLLOW-THROUGH TASKS OF

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THE PROGRAM BE REGROUPED WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF,
IT IS INCUMBENT UPON NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE
PROGRAM TO ASSUME THE CORRESPONDING EXPENSES, EITHER
BY REIMBURSING THE CIVIL BUDGET OR ACCORDING TO SOME
OTHER MODALITY TO BE DEFINED.

. FRANCE WOULD LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO DRAW
UP SOME PROPOSALS ALONG THESE LINES.

. A COPY OF THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO EACH PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE.

COMPLEMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT. BENNETT

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